

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **November 11, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 6

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Grant: Low-Impact Parking for the Riverfront Revitalization Project

RECOMMENDATION: Accept a \$39,625 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, amend the FY2004 Budget and appropriate the funds. The grant funds will be used for the development of two low-impact parking areas adjacent to the proposed skate park facility and the N&W Depot.

SUMMARY: The goal of this project is to build on the City of Lynchburg's Downtown/Riverfront Master Plan by providing a model for environmentally sensitive development, known as "low-impact" development. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Grant funds will be used for the installation of a combination of gravel/grass pavers, turf reinforcement mesh and greenspace development at one or both proposed parking areas in lieu of the existing impervious surfaces. Site 1 is adjacent to the proposed skate park facility and Site 2 is adjacent to the proposed N&W Depot. Site 2 will serve as a temporary parking area until such time that the CSO work is completed on the riverfront and the Kanawha Canal Square can be constructed per the Master Plan. Depending on the CSO schedule, our estimates are that the canal restoration project will be constructed in 5-10 years.

The riverfront area is expected to continue to increase in tourism as revitalization efforts increase. As part of this watershed project, signage will be used to convey the importance of redevelopment and low-impact development, as well as a description of the alternative stormwater measures that will be used on site. A stormwater design seminar is proposed for fall 2004 that will highlight the project.

PRIOR ACTION(S): September 2, & November 4, 2003, Physical Development and Finance Committees;
September 9, 2003, City Council

FISCAL IMPACT: None. Although a 50/50 match is required for this grant, this will be accounted for through current Riverfront Revitalization expenditures and/or in-kind contributions from the City's Community Planning and Development staff and volunteer work hours on the project.

CONTACT(S): Rachel Flynn – 847-1435 - VM – 253
Kent White – 847-1508 - VM - 242

ATTACHMENT(S): Grant Approval Letter

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED That the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund FY 2004 budget is amended and \$79,250 is appropriated with resources of \$39,625 from the from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Grant and \$39,625 from either the current Riverfront Revitalization Capital Improvements allocation and/or in-kind contributions from City Staff and volunteer work hours work for the development of two low-impact parking areas adjacent to the proposed skate park facility and the N&W Depot on the Riverfront;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Financial Services Director is authorized to make such temporary transfers necessary to fund this grant.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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October 1, 2003

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Attn: Kent White
City of Lynchburg
P.O. Box 60
Lynchburg, VA 24505

RE: Grant Agreement, BAY-2003-05R
Incorporating Low-Impact Parking Into City of Lynchburg's Riverfront Redevelopment

Dear Mr. White:

Congratulations! Your project was selected for funding through the 2003 DCR Chesapeake Bay Watershed Grants Program. Find enclosed three original grant agreements for the above subject project. Please sign all three originals, retain one for your files and return two to my attention. The date of the agreement will be the date on which you sign these originals. Return to:

Attn: Sarah King, Grants Manager
Department of Conservation and Recreation
203 Governor Street, Suite 206-G
Richmond, VA 23219-2094

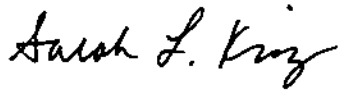
Once DCR receives the two signed grant agreements, the project will be effective for the period of October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004. As mentioned to you on the phone, all project sponsors are being reminded of the following:

- 1) Projects must be completed during the Time of Performance. Due to the terms associated with the federal funds for this grant program, it is extremely unlikely that DCR will be able to grant any project extensions.
- 2) All projects require a 50/50 non-federal match of cash or in-kind services. The project match will be reported to EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office.
- 3) DCR and the Chesapeake Bay Program must be recognized as the source of funds on all publications and signage produced associated with the project. See the included CD for logos and a page with acknowledgement examples.

John McCutcheon (804-225-2992 or jrmccutcheon@dcf.state.va.us) in the DCR Henrico Regional Office is assigned as the DCR Project Manager for this grant agreement. Please direct project specific questions and quarterly reports to John. Per the grant agreement quarterly budget and narrative reports are required along with your reimbursement requests and must be received by the report deadline dates of January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

We look forward to working with you on this project. Your efforts to improve water quality in your local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay are recognized. If you have any questions contact your DCR Project Manager or me, sking@dcf.state.va.us or (804) 225-3785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah L. King".

Sarah L. King
Chesapeake Bay Grants Manager

CC: John McCutcheon